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PATENT) APPLIFCATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENTAL PARTIES

In re Patent Application of Ryoichi Yamamoto et al.

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For: INK JET RECORDING HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME AND INKJET PRINTER

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C. F.

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 and 9 - 13 remain active in this application. Non-elected claims 5 - 8 have previously been canceled. No new matter has been introduced into the application.

Claims 1, 3, 9, 11 and 13 have again been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art in view of Kitahiro and claims 2, 4, 10 and 12 have again been rejected over the same combination of prior art in view of the further teachings of Gaynes et al.; the Examiner suggesting that use of a metal layer in the print head in accordance with Kitahiro in the admitted prior art would be obvious to allow the substrate to be thinner and citing Gaynes for teaching the use of Nickel. These grounds of rejection are respectfully traversed.